

A M E N D M E N T S T O T H E S P E C I F I C A T I O N

Immediately following the title on page 1, please **REPLACE** the first paragraph with the following **REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH**:

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/608,245 entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS WHEREIN A LOTTERY NUMBER COMBINATION IS ASSOCIATED WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES", "Systems And Methods Wherein A Lottery Number Combination Is Associated With A Limited Number Of Oeeurrences", filed June 30, 2000 ~~in the name of Tulley et al, which and~~ issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,688,976 B4 on February 10, 2004. The entirety of the above-referenced application is incorporated by reference herein for all purposes.

The present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/200,838 entitled "METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING A LOTTERY TICKET PRICE BASED ON A LOTTERY TICKET PARAMETER", "Methods and Apparatus for Determining a Lottery Ticket Price Based on a Lottery Ticket Parameter", and filed May 1, 2000 ~~which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,969,318 on November 29, 2005~~. The entire content of this application is incorporated herein by reference.

The present application is also related to: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/525,875 entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR APPLYING LOTTERY MULTIPLIERS", "System and Method For Applying Lottery Multipliers" and filed March 14, 2000; ~~which and~~ issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,969,318 on November 29, 2005; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/052,295 entitled "METHODS AND APPARATUS WHEREIN A LOTTERY ENTRY IS ENTERED INTO LOTTERY DRAWINGS UNTIL THE LOTTERY ENTRY IS IDENTIFIED AS A WINNER", "Methods and Apparatus Wherin a Lottery Entry is Entered Into Lottery Drawings Until the Lottery Entry is Identified as a Winner", filed March

31, 1998 which and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,086,477 on July 11, 2000 and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/205,276 entitled "LOTTERY SNITCH", "Lottery Snitch", filed May 18, 2000. The entire contents of these applications are incorporated herein by reference.

Immediately following the sentence "The entire contents of these applications...", please **INSERT** the following **NEW PARAGRAPH**:

This application is also related to the following U.S. Patent Applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/424,155 entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS WHEREIN A LOTTERY NUMBER COMBINATION IS ASSOCIATED WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES", filed June 14, 2006;

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/424,162 entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS WHEREIN A LOTTERY NUMBER COMBINATION IS ASSOCIATED WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES", filed June 14, 2006;

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/424,166 entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS WHEREIN A LOTTERY NUMBER COMBINATION IS ASSOCIATED WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES", filed June 14, 2006;

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/531,735 entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS WHEREIN A LOTTERY NUMBER COMBINATION IS ASSOCIATED WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES", filed September 14, 2006;

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/531,741 entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS WHEREIN A LOTTERY NUMBER COMBINATION IS

ASSOCIATED WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES", filed September 14, 2006;

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/531,744 entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS WHEREIN A LOTTERY NUMBER COMBINATION IS ASSOCIATED WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES", filed September 14, 2006;

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/531,749 entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS WHEREIN A LOTTERY NUMBER COMBINATION IS ASSOCIATED WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES", filed September 14, 2006; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/531,754 entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS WHEREIN A LOTTERY NUMBER COMBINATION IS ASSOCIATED WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES", filed September 14, 2006.

On Page 2, please **REPLACE** the paragraph beginning on line 2 and ending line 10 with the following **REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH**:

A problem with typical lottery games, however, is that if two or more players are both associated with a particular winning lottery number combination, the players are required to share the lottery prize. For example, in a "6/49" lottery game, there are approximately fourteen million potential lottery number combinations. If twenty million people purchase lottery tickets for such a game, it is more likely than not that two people will be required to share the lottery prize.

On Page 12, please **REPLACE** the paragraph beginning on line 5 and ending on line 14 with the following **REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH**:

The lottery system, however, does sell another lottery ticket associated with the same lottery number combination to a second player, who does not elect to pay the premium. In this case, if the lottery number combination is determined to be the winning lottery number combination, the first player will receive the full one million dollar prize. The second player, however, will receive only half of that amount (*e.g.*, the amount that he or she would have received if the one million dollar prize had been divided among the two winning players). In effect, the lottery system has “insured” the first player against the risk of sharing the top prize. Note that the lottery system may similarly guarantee that the first player will win (*e.g.*, will win at least) any other predetermined percentage or predetermined amount (*e.g.*, at least 75% of the top prize).

On Page 27, please **REPLACE** the paragraph beginning on line 7 and ending on line 12 with the following **REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH**:

A player’s lottery number combination may also be associated with a limited number of occurrences when the player purchases a particular type of lottery ticket, such as those described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/525,875 now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,969,318 and entitled “System and Method for Applying Lottery Multipliers” and/or U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/052,295 now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,086,477 and entitled “Methods and Apparatus Wherein a Lottery Entry is Entered Into Lottery Drawings Until the Lottery Entry is Identified as a Winner.”

On Page 28, please **REPLACE** the paragraph beginning on line 4 and ending on line 10 with the following **REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH**:

According to another embodiment, a price associated with a lottery ticket may be adjusted after the lottery ticket has been sold to a player. For example, a first player may pay \$10.00 for a first lottery ticket having a unique lottery number combination. If a second player subsequently purchases a second lottery ticket having the same lottery number combination, the price associated with the first lottery ticket may be adjusted (*e.g.*, a \$5.00 rebate may be mailed to the first player or credited to an account associated with the first player).

On Page 29, please **REPLACE** the paragraph beginning on line 17 and ending on line 22 with the following **REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH**:

Yet another embodiment of the present invention is directed to a lottery game for which a player does not need to purchase a lottery ticket. For example, a merchant may sponsor a sweepstakes and give away ~~a~~ lottery tickets to a customer each time he or she purchases an item at the merchant's store. In this case, a customer may provide a payment to the merchant to make sure his or her lottery number combination is associated with a limited number of occurrences.